

# Pikesville Middle School Summer Reading Program



This year, to meet the summer reading requirement, students must select and read one book and be prepared to share information about their book in class by September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students will participate in a detailed book talk which will be included in their first quarter language arts grade. This is an open ended assignment. Just read, enjoy, and be prepared to discuss your book. Students may prepare visuals to support their presentation if they choose. Students may select any book they like, but it should be a book they've never read before and at their reading level.

In this packet, you will find book recommendations from Pikesville Middle School language arts and reading teachers and recommendations from the Baltimore County Public Library. Please visit [readkiddoread.com](http://readkiddoread.com) for more book recommendations organized by age level.

Nimona, by Noelle Stevenson is the first graphic novel I ever read and I loved it! I've also had many students tell me that it is one of their favorite books. The main character, Nimona, is a shapeshifter who is funny and loves trouble. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. Together Nimona and Lord Blackheart wreak havoc!

*Mrs. Grogan*

*Ms. Getty*

I love The Limit by Kristen Landon. It is a thrilling adventure in which Matt is taken away from his family and placed in a workhouse to pay off his family's debts. He has a great time working on computers until he realizes he trapped and figures out why he's really there. Exciting!

Another favorite is The Stratford Zoo Midnight Review Presents Macbeth by Ian Lendler and Zach Giallongo. It's a fantastic, funny graphic novel about a zoo whose animals come out after midnight and perform Shakespeare's play. I can't wait for the sequel coming out soon in which the animals put on Romeo and Juliet!

Among the Hidden, the first book in the *Shadow Children* series by Margaret Peterson Haddix, is a great read for lovers of dystopian fiction and suspense. It plays with the question of population control: what happens when families are only allowed to have two children, and third children, or "shadow children," have to lead secret lives away from the rest of the world or risk being killed?

*Mrs. Hendrix-Martin*

*Ms. Marlock*

Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs is the first in a trilogy of books following children who are, well, peculiar! They all have different abilities: some physical, some mental, but their kind is being hunted down. What makes this book even better is that there are authentic pictures that inspired the stories so you can see what the original inspiration was! If none of these things interest you, Tim Burton has started directing the movie version of this novel and it is set to come out in theaters next year.

# 2016 Pikesville Middle School Recommended Summer Reading List Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Self-Discovery

Anything But Typical	Baskin
El Deafo ◊	Bell
The Penderwicks*	Birdsall
Al Capone Does My Shirts*	Choldenko
Raymie Nightingale	DiCamillo
Out of My Mind	Draper
The Skin I'm In	Flake
The Dumbest Idea Ever! ◊	Gownley
The Nest	Oppel
Public School Superhero	Patterson
Pax	Pennypacker
As Brave as You	Reynolds
Counting by 7s	Sloan
Bigger Than a Breadbox	Snyder
Stargirl	Spinelli
Goodbye Stranger	Stead
Smile ◊	Telgemeier
Sisters ◊	Telgemeier
One Crazy Summer*	Williams
The War That Saved My Life	Bradley

## Humor

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*	Angleberger
The Terrible Two*	Barnett
The Worst Class Trip Ever	Barry
NERDS*	Buckley
Joey Pigza*	Gantos
Any children's book by	Dan Gutman
	David Lubar
	James Patterson
Mr. and Mrs. Bunny*	Horvath
Ungifted	Korman
The True Meaning of Smekday*	Rex
Astronaut Academy* ◊	Roman

## Fantasy

The Iron Trial	Black & Clare
The Sisters Grimm*	Buckley
The School for Good and Evil*	Chainani
Gregor the Overlander*	Collins
Isle of the Lost (Descendants)*	de la Cruz
The City of Ember*	Duprau
The Graveyard Book	Gaiman
A Tale Dark and Grimm*	Gidwitz
Princess Academy*	Hale
Monster on the Hill ◊	Harrell
The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom*	Healy
Dragon Slippers*	George
The Unwanteds*	McMann
Sky Raiders (Five Kingdoms)*	Mull
The Magic Thief*	Prineas
Percy Jackson*/Olympus*/Kane*	Riordan
Bone: Out from Boneville* ◊	Smith

## Sports

Any book by	Tim Green
	Dan Gutman
	Mike Lupica
	Cal Ripken, Jr.
Booked	Alexander
Strike Three You're Dead	Berk
Say it Ain't So	Berk
Roller Girl ◊	Jamieson

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### Adventure/Mystery

Brixton Brothers*	Barnett
Doll Bones*	Black
The Gollywopper Games*	Feldman
Under the Egg	Fitzgerald
My Side of the Mountain*	George
Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer*	Grisham
Alex Rider*	Horowitz
Shipwreck*	Korman
Dive*	Korman
I, Q.*	Smith
Peak	Smith
Storm Runners*	Smith
any Enola Holmes mystery*	Springer
Sammy Keyes*	Van Draanen

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## 2016 Pikesville Middle School Recommended Summer Reading List Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Self-Discovery

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<b>El Deafo</b> ◊	Bell
<b>The Penderwicks*</b>	Birdsall
<b>Al Capone Does My Shirts*</b>	Choldenko
<b>Out of My Mind</b>	Draper
<b>The Skin I'm In</b>	Flake
<b>The Dumbest Idea Ever!</b> ◊	Gownley
<b>See You at Harry's</b>	Knowles
<b>We Are All Made of Molecules</b>	Nielsen
<b>The Nest</b>	Oppel
<b>Public School Superhero</b>	Patterson
<b>As Brave as You</b>	Reynolds
<b>Counting by 7s</b>	Sloan
<b>Bigger Than a Breadbox</b>	Snyder
<b>Stargirl</b>	Spinelli
<b>Goodbye Stranger</b>	Stead
<b>Drama</b> ◊	Telgemeier
<b>One Crazy Summer*</b>	Williams

### Fantasy

<b>The Sisters Grimm*</b>	Buckley
<b>The School for Good and Evil*</b>	Chainani
<b>The Roar*</b>	Clayton
<b>Gregor the Overlander*</b>	Collins
<b>The City of Ember*</b>	Duprau
<b>The Graveyard Book</b>	Gaiman
<b>A Tale Dark and Grimm*</b>	Gidwitz
<b>Princess Academy*</b>	Hale
<b>Monster on the Hill</b> ◊	Harrell
<b>The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom*</b>	Healy
<b>The Last of the Sandwalkers</b> ◊	Hosler
<b>Dragon Slippers*</b>	George
<b>The Unwanteds*</b>	McMann
<b>Sky Raiders (Five Kingdoms)*</b>	Mull
<b>The Magic Thief*</b>	Prineas
<b>Percy Jackson*/Olympus*/Kane*</b>	Riordan
<b>Bone: Out from Boneville*</b> ◊	Smith

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<b>Joey Pigza*</b>	Gantos
<b>The Genius Files</b>	Gutman
<b>The Homework Machine</b>	Gutman
<b>Mr. and Mrs. Bunny*</b>	Horvath
<b>Ungifted</b>	Korman
<b>Nathan Abercrombie, Accidental Zombie*</b>	Lubar
<b>Middle School*, I Funny*, Jacky Ha-Ha</b>	Patterson
<b>The True Meaning of Smekday*</b>	Rex
<b>Astronaut Academy*</b> ◊	Roman

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<b>Doll Bones</b>	Black
<b>The Iron Trial</b>	Black & Clare
<b>Gallagher Girls series*</b>	Carter
<b>Under the Egg</b>	Fitzgerald
<b>My Side of the Mountain*</b>	George
<b>Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer*</b>	Grisham
<b>Skink: No Surrender</b>	Hiassen
<b>Young James Bond*</b>	Higson
<b>Alex Rider*</b>	Horowitz
<b>Shipwreck*</b>	Korman
<b>Dive*</b>	Korman
<b>I, Q.*</b>	Smith
<b>Peak</b>	Smith
<b>Storm Runners*</b>	Smith
<b>The Mysterious Benedict Society*</b>	Stewart
<b>Sammy Keyes*</b>	Van Draanen
<b>Wildwood*</b>	Melloy

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### Self-Discovery

<b>Wintergirls/Speak/Impossible Knife</b>	Anderson
<b>Al Capone Does My Shirts*</b>	Choldenko
<b>The Skin I'm In</b>	Flake
<b>Paper Towns (or any book by)</b>	Green
<b>Monster/Lockdown</b>	Myers
<b>When I Was the Greatest</b>	Reynolds
<b>All American Boys</b>	Reynolds/Kiely
<b>Eleanor and Park</b>	Rowell
<b>Are You Experienced*</b>	Sonnenblick
<b>Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie*</b>	Sonnenblick
<b>Drama ◊</b>	Telgemeier
<b>American Born Chinese ◊</b>	Yang
<b>One Crazy Summer*</b>	Williams
<b>If You Come Softly</b>	Woodson

### Fantasy

<b>Ender's Game*</b>	Card
<b>The Girl of Fire and Thorns*</b>	Carson
<b>The School for Good and Evil*</b>	Chainani
<b>Matched*</b>	Condie
<b>Princess of the Midnight Ball*</b>	George
<b>Seraphina*</b>	Hartman
<b>Illuminae*</b>	Kaufman
<b>The Limit</b>	Landon
<b>Legend*</b>	Lu
<b>The Unwanteds*</b>	McMann
<b>Sky Raiders (Five Kingdoms)*</b>	Mull
<b>Birthmarked*</b>	O'Brien
<b>Shadowshaper</b>	Older
<b>Percy Jackson*/Olympus*/Kane*</b>	Riordan
<b>Nimona◊</b>	Stevenson
<b>Daughter of Smoke and Bone*</b>	Taylor
<b>Uglies*</b>	Westerfeld

### Sports

<b>Any book by</b>	Tim Green
	Carl Deuker
	John Feinstein
	Mike Lupica
<b>Booked</b>	Alexander
<b>Boy 21</b>	Quick
<b>The Final Four</b>	Volponi

### Adventure/Mystery/Thriller

<b>Also Known As*</b>	Benway
<b>The Compound*</b>	Bodeen
<b>All Fall Down*</b>	Carter
<b>I Know What You Did Last Summer</b>	Duncan
<b>The Enemy*</b>	Higson
<b>Young James Bond*</b>	Higson
<b>Alex Rider*</b>	Horowitz
<b>We Were Liars</b>	Lockheart
<b>Legend*</b>	Lu
<b>Delirium*</b>	Oliver
<b>Life As We Knew It*</b>	Pfeffer
<b>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*</b>	Riggs
<b>Full Tilt</b>	Shusterman
<b>Unwind*</b>	Shusterman
<b>Lockdown: Escape from Furnace*</b>	Smith
<b>Peak</b>	Smith
<b>I, Q.*</b>	Smith
<b>X: A Novel (Malcolm X)</b>	Shabazz
<b>Boxers/Saints ◊</b>	Yang
<b>The Book Thief</b>	Zusak

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